

**Maple Arches Neighborhood Association**

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Green Bay, WI 54303

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**EVENTS CALENDAR**

February 9, 2013—Hot Chocolate Social, 1256 Shawano Avenue, 7-9 p.m. (Pg. 1)

March 13, 2013—Sign Landscaping Kick-off Gathering, Brown County Library, 6:30 p.m., to view plan, select plants, planting party plans, watering/weeding schedule, solar lighting discussion, etc.

April 20, 2013—Trail Clean-Up for Earth Day—More info to come!

May 31-June 1, 2013—Annual Neighborhood Rummage Sale & Goodwill Drive; consider donating unsold items to Goodwill or Salvation Army; we'll arrange pick-ups! More info to come!

June 2013—Sign Landscaping/Ribbon-Cutting Planting Party—More info to come!

August 2013—National Night Out—More info to come!

September 2013—Annual MANA meeting—More info to come on special guests and topics!

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**EVENTS ISSUE**



**WINTER  
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2013**

**Neighborhood Association Members:**

**Joe Vanidestine, Co-President**    **Beth Nadolski Spears, Co-President**  
**Brad Ellis, Treasurer**            **Kris Michell, Secretary**  
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***If you are new to the area...***

Meet MANA! Aptly named Maple Arches, our neighborhood is sheltered beneath beautiful arching maple trees and is in close proximity to both downtown and the west side shopping district. Public and private elementary, middle, and high schools, all within walking distance of the neighborhood, separate us from other associations.

**HOT CHOCOLATE SOCIAL**

Please join us for the first event of the year, a hot chocolate social where you can meet and visit with your neighbors in front of a toasty fire! It will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 7-9



p.m., at Co-Pres Beth's home, 1256 Shawano Avenue (across from Green Bay Floral &

Greenhouse). Simply follow the white Christmas lights to the backyard! Please dress warmly as this event will hopefully be held

outside (inclement weather might drive us indoors). Some chairs will be available but

feel free to bring one if you wish. Hot chocolate and home-baked goodies will be provided. Parking is limited to Beth's two driveways, therefore please consider walking, carpooling, or parking on side streets. If you have any questions, email Beth at [enadolski2@new.rr.com](mailto:enadolski2@new.rr.com). The MANA Board truly hopes to see you there!

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**MANA RESIDENTS GET IN THE SPIRIT**

For the third year in a row, the MANA Board would like to thank residents for getting us in the holiday spirit. We had the impression that more homes were decorated this year than in previous years, which created a welcoming atmosphere whether coming home from work or walking the dog. For their festive and creative displays, the following residents will receive a \$25 gift card to Walgreens: 111 N. Ridge, 1244 Reed, and 1250 Shawano. Other nominees included 1225 and 1301 Dousman; 1180, 1231, and 1329 Oregon; 123 N. Ridge; and 1328 Reed. And finally, we extend a thank you to previous years' winners, who continued to light up our streets with their beautiful decorations.



SHOUT OUT!

From Co-Pres Beth—To my wonderful neighbors, I would like to take this opportunity to give you a much-needed SHOUT OUT! We’ve had numerous snow storms that required snow removal from sidewalks and driveways. My snow has been completely cleared from the sidewalks and main driveway before I even get a chance to lift a shovel. To those of you who were so gracious and generous, I truly thank you. What a terrific example you set for the rest of us!

MISSION STATEMENT:

Maple Arches Neighborhood Association seeks to preserve and enhance the integrity of its residential culture through beautification efforts, crime prevention, addressing traffic issues, and serving as a liaison between residents and local government. It will strive to create a sense of unity among neighbors and support community pride.



GREETINGS FROM ALD. MARK STEUER

On April 20, 2013, there will be a concerted effort to continue the clean-up of the proposed rails-to-trail segment on Green Bay’s west side, starting at Military Avenue on the west and stretching one mile to the east to Oneida Street. We had citizens from all four District 10 Neighborhood Associations at our initial clean-up on November 10, 2012, which are Perkins Park, Maple Arches, Fisk Addition, and Mather Heights. Much was accomplished, but much more needs to be done before Green Bay Parks can go in to trim, prune, and prepare the pathway for paving, slated for July. There was a meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Chappell School to discuss the intricacies of this project. Officials from the City, as well as Ald. Steuer and Ald. Brunette, attended to provide data and answer questions. We discussed possible naming of the trail at that meeting as well. An early suggestion was to name the trail after fallen Green Bay soldier, Ben Edinger, who grew up near the trail.

As far as other issues go, the City recently won its lawsuit that OSGC brought before the court with respect to the proposed gasification plant on Hurlbut Street. I have also been named to chair a homelessness task force in Green Bay, entitled HOPE (Homelessness Obligates Planning Efforts). Homelessness has been in the news lately. There are no easy solutions here, though HOPE is looking at longer-term solutions to the root causes of homelessness.

I also sit on the Historic Preservation Commission and am looking to have a 30-day waiting period installed before a 50-year old (or older) building can be razed in the City. There is also work to change our Historic Preservation Ordinance from Advisory to Mandatory. Contact me at any time with concerns that you might have.

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CRIME STRIKES MANA HOMES

Neighbors in the area have commented for years on the safe neighborhood they shared. Unfortunately, times have changed. Since September, neighbors in the Maple Arches Neighborhood have witnessed this firsthand. Burglaries and thefts from vehicles and garage entries have become way more prevalent.

Reports have increased significantly over the entire northwest side, but the areas within the MANA boundaries include: Dousman Street, Division Street, Shawano Avenue (5 reports in the 1200 block), and numerous entries on the length of Reed Street. Other areas struck are in the Mather Heights Neighborhood Association and the Perkins Park Neighborhood

Association. If you have friends or family in these areas, feel free to share the following safety tips with them.

Safety tips shared at the MANA Annual Meeting by the Green Bay Police Department include the following:

- Leave outdoor lights on dusk to dawn.
- Install motion detector lights around your home.
- Be sure to securely lock all exterior doors (deadbolts are good).
- Lock car doors.
- Remove garage door openers and all valuables from your car.
- Secure first floor windows.
- Cover windows that would enable prowlers

to see valuables in garages.

- Keep garage doors facing the street closed.
- Do not leave the garage door open when you leave your home.
- If traveling, ensure that your home looks lived in and mail and papers are not piling up.

Another safety practice that only takes a few minutes each night is to make it a habit to do a final window and door lock check before calling it a night. That little walk around your home may prevent your house from being another statistic.

Lastly, meet your neighbors. Watch out for one another and do not hesitate to call the police if something looks out of the ordinary.

HOMELESS: HAVE YOU EVER BEEN THERE?

By: Joe Vanidestine

Top Reasons that Lead to Homelessness:

1. Unforeseen economic crisis
2. Job loss
3. Foreclosure
4. Serious medical condition
5. Death in the family

When the spotlight of life gets shined on the homeless, our emotions begin to stir. The majority of homeless people can find temporary shelter in emergency shelters or transitional housing programs. It has been estimated that nearly 4 out of 10 homeless live in unsheltered conditions like cars, abandoned buildings, the streets, and other places not intended for long-term human habitation.

The issue of the homeless came up as it always does this time of year when the City of Green Bay vs. St. John Evangelist Homeless Shelter hit the news. The concern is the number of people allowed under their permit to sleep overnight by city code (64). There have been times when the number has reached into the 80s. Everyone must leave the building by 9 a.m. each day. I know from personal experience if you don’t have a place of current residence (mailing address), a phone number, etc. your likelihood of gainful employment or permanent residency are greatly reduced.

Here is my story: In 1989 after having a house fire, my wife, myself, and our three minor children found ourselves homeless. I won’t go into the details about the fire or why our mortgage company foreclosed on our home. I will say that the sheriff that delivered the news to us expressed his concern for how things developed and gave us through the weekend to get moved out of our home because he had to come and change the locks. We had 72 hours to pack our belongings into a rental truck and move. This incident happened in Oklahoma without family to catch us when we fell. We now had to find a place to live with three minor children, and this was before the days of cell phones or the internet.

This difficult period in our life helped define the important things in life. We lived in a tent for a while before purchasing a used travel trailer. We found out that most sites that allow travel trailers with children will not allow them to be parked for longer than 2-3 weeks. With minor children in school, how do you keep moving every 2 weeks or so and keep your children in school. This was all very embarrassing, as well as humbling. Our Bible teachings taught us to raise up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. He that has done this to the least of these has done it to me said Jesus. WOW!

I will relay this story, perhaps putting things into perspective. I went to Panera for lunch today, and as I was eating I couldn’t help but feel my heart sink as I watched the homeless man in the corner with his cup of coffee—getting in out of the cold spending what change he had to warm up. The line was almost out the door being a college town at lunch time. So I approached the manager and asked if he knew the man. He rolled his eyes slightly, "Oh, yeah, he’s in here all the time. His name is Kent." His entire demeanor changed regarding the man when I told him I didn’t have enough time to wait in line and asked if he’d be willing to facilitate a gift card transaction for me for \$50. He stumbled on his words, "Yes, sir..." As I approached the man in the corner, I could see people starting to look at me. I simply walked up and said, "There’s \$50 on here, bud. You get yourself something to eat." Before I could even finish, he proclaims, "\$50?!?!" I just said, "Yes, sir," patted him on the shoulder, said "Merry Christmas", and went back about my business. Every eye in the room was on me...people whispering amongst themselves...see, I’ve been that man—out in the cold, alone, not knowing where my next meal would come from, while those around me had no understanding of the simple luxuries they enjoy. It takes more in this world than to want change. You have to be it... Set the example for those around you. Don’t hide your light under a bushel; let it shine bright for the world to see and be that change we long for. It’s up to us with compassion for others to right the wrong.

READ ON REED

Do you love to read? Do you have a favorite author, book, or poem? Reading piques our curiosity, opens our mind to new worlds, and teaches us about who we are and who we can be. MANA would like to celebrate the joys of reading while we get to know our neighbors. We invite you to a gathering where you will have the opportunity to read a favorite passage from a book or poem and explain why or how these words have impacted your life. The MANA Board initially discussed coordinating this event with the inauguration of the new west side trail, holding the event outdoors at the corner of Reed and Platten at the trail head. However, this event is still in the planning stages, and we welcome your input! Please contact Brad Ellis ([brad.ellis@snc.edu](mailto:brad.ellis@snc.edu)) with your ideas.

